**Setting up of a Financial Institution for Food Processing Industries**

3620. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of the total 180 deep sea fishing vessels available at present, only 85 are fit for operation, as reported in the 'Observer', New Delhi, of the 2nd February, 1995;

(b) if so, since when such a large number of vessels are out of operation and why steps have not been taken to get these vessels repaired and make them operational;

(c) whether there is a proposal for setting up a separate financial Institution to meet working capital requirements of deep-sea fishing and other Food Processing Industries, including financial support for exports of agro-products;

(d) if so, what is the latest position in this regard; and

(e) by when this Financial Institution is expected to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) As per the information available, 102 deep-sea fishing vessels have been in operation. The repairs, if any, of these vessels are carried out by the owner companies. Most of the vessels which are not operating are either not sea worthy or the owner company finds it financially unviable to operate the same.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Setting up of export-oriented food processing units**

3621. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 444, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the details of proposals received and cleared by Government in 1993-94 and 1994-95 for setting up of 100 per cent export oriented units; and

(b) the industries covered by the proposal and the progress made in those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) 148 proposals during 1993-94 and 91 proposals during 1994-95 of processed foods, integrated aquaculture and deep sea fishng have been approved. The industries covered by these proposals are mainly fruits and vegetables products, marine products, processed cereals, mushrooms, meat and poultry products, etc. The proposals are likely to take normally 2 to 3 years for implementation.

**Licences to manufacture beer**

3622. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1326 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government are considering proposals for giving more licences to manufacture beer in the country;

(b) whether such proposals contain foreign participation and investment; if so, the details of such proposals including the names of parties involved; and

(c) whether Government would still consider more proposals from NRIs to set up beer manufacturing units in the country; if so, the places where such units would be allowed to be located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Fresh applications from Resident Indians to set up beer units for DFA sales are not being entertained by the Government since 1-4-1991. However,

applications from NRIs for DTA sales are being entertained by the GOI provided the proposal involves 100 per cent NRI|foreign equity, with a minimum of 51 per cent on non-repatriable basis.

The details of applications are not divulged till a final decision is taken thereon.

(c) Yes, Sir. The units are allowed to be located only in centrally declared category A or B backward areas.

**Assistance for mushroom processing by the tribals**

3623. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded approval to the proposal regarding assistance for the development of infrastructural facilities for mushroom processing by the tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the efforts made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food processing Industries is implementing a plan Scheme which seeks to provide assistance for setting up of Compost pasteurisation facilities; Spawn Lab; and facilities for processing of mushrooms. Since 1991-92, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has provided assistance to the organisations in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Nagaland; Mizoram and Madhya Pradesh for the development of infrastructural facilities for mushroom processing by tribals of the area, the details of which are as under:—

| Sr. No. | Name of the State | Year & Amount released (Rs. in lakhs) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 91-92 | 92-93 | 93-94 | 94-95 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 34.297 | .. | .. | .. |
| 2 | Bihar | 4.650 | .. | .. | 6.180 |
| 3 | Madhya Pradesh | .. | .. | 5.900 | .. |
| 4 | Mizoram. | .. | 29.800 | .. | .. |
| 5 | Nagaland | .. | 6.000 | .. | 22.650 |

**Assistance to States to promote Food Processing Industries**

3624. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to provide grants|assistance to States to promote Food Processing Industries; if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the assistance provide to backward areas;

(b) the time till such subsidy would continue to be provided to these areas;

(c) what is the number of industries established in Haryana under this scheme during this year;

(d) whether Government have convened any meeting of Chief Ministers in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?